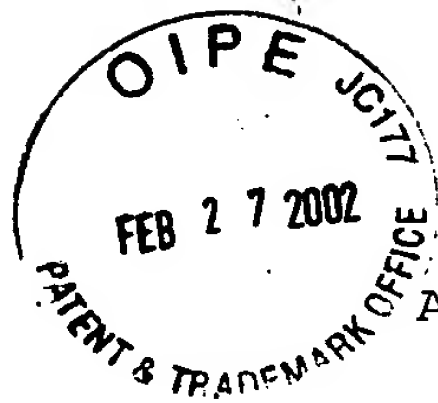


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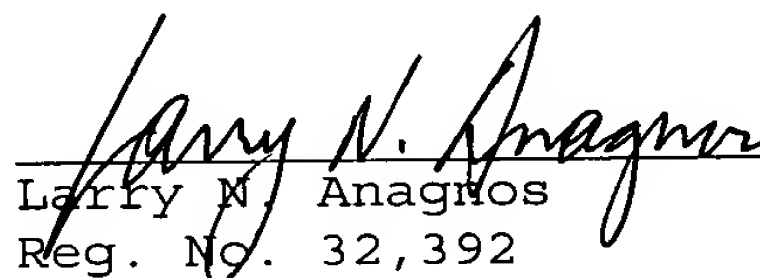
Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action
(Election of Species Requirement), dated February 13,
2002. The Office Action, however, appears to be
incomplete. In that regard, it is noted that while
reference is made in the Official Action to papers filed
as of September 21, 2001, which is the Official filing
date of the above-referenced application, reference to the
Preliminary Amendment, filed on December 13, 2001, was not
made. In the Preliminary Amendment, one additional claim
was added, namely, claim 16. That is, in view of the
filing of the Preliminary Amendment on December 13, 2001,

which was exactly two months prior to the mailing date of the present Office Action, reference should have been made, in the Official Action, not only to the originally filed claims 1-15 but, also, to the additional claim 16 by making reference thereto to claims 1-16 as the pending claims which are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. As evidence of the filing of the Preliminary Amendment, enclosed herewith is a copy of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped postcard receipt pertaining thereto.

Accordingly, Applicant's through their undersigned representative, respectfully request that a new, complete Office Action (Election Requirement) be issued, and, also, that the one-month response period directed thereto be re-started as of the mailing date of the new Office Action. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's early consideration regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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